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Get there.

Making your way between Needham and South Station during construction.

Needham Commuter Rail

SATURDAYS
September 2 – November 18

What you need to know during construction.

Saturday overview

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What’s going on?

From September 2 – November 18, there will be **no train service on Saturdays** while we install Positive Train Control (PTC), a federally-mandated, safety control system that automatically reduces train speeds when needed and helps to avoid collisions.

Why do you have to shut down the entire line?

There will be crews working all along the line, installing sheds, lines, wires, etc. For safety and efficiency, we need to make sure that they don’t get in each others way.

Why now?

Our timeframe is tight because of a federal deadline. Every commuter rail line needs to be updated, and we need to take advantage of the summer and fall weather.

How do I get around?

Use connecting T services from your usual station

From Needham Heights, Needham Center, and Needham Junction, take the Route 59 bus to connect to/from:

- Newton Highlands on Green Line D
- Watertown Square: then take Route 71 to/from Harvard

How do I get around?

- From West Roxbury, Highland, Bellevue, and Roslindale Village, take bus routes 35, 36, or 37 to connect to/from Forest Hills Orange Line.

- From Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay: take the Orange Line.

Note: There are no connecting services at Hersey Station.
Please drive to West Roxbury Station instead.

How much and where do I get a ticket?

Use your monthly commuter rail pass on bus and subway or:

Buy a bus fare for $2 (You can pay with cash when boarding.)

Buy a subway fare for $2.25 (Pay by cash or credit at any subway station fare vending machine.)

Senior/TAP pay half fare.
Two children 11 and under ride free with 1 adult.

Getting the word out

Here's how we're keeping you in the loop

Before the public meeting

Legislative briefing
Municipality communication
Needham public meeting
Press release
Meeting notice on website
Onboard announcements
South Station announcements
Tweets
Emails
T-alerts

Before and during construction

In the MBTA system
Station banners
Station and train announcements
Onboard announcements
North Station announcements
Platform LED messages
Handouts
Tweets
Emails
T-alerts

And
Area chambers, libraries, community centers, police/fire

To be created

Station Banner

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Contact us

617-222-3200

Call for questions, schedules, or trip planning.

For more information go to **mbta.com/getthere**.

Thank you for your patience during construction!